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Mark Wilson  
SD Department of Education  
Office of Curriculum, Career, and  
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Dear Mark:

You are authorized to begin your competition for the Grow Dakota program. This program has been budgeted at \$200,000 per year up to five years, contingent upon continued funding by the National Science Foundation EPSCoR program. It will be up to you to run the proposal application review process and determine the recipients and their award amounts. Once you announce your awards, expenditures can begin. You should bill our office on a monthly basis to recoup the award costs.

As a participant in the South Dakota EPSCoR program, you are expected to credit the grant and to provide reports to the South Dakota EPSCoR office. We would like to have information on the number of applications received, the number awarded, and the amount awarded to each. We will also need to report demographic information (PI/PD gender, ethnicity, etc.) for each proposal received and each proposal funded. Please send copies of the awarded applications to our office to keep on file.

We are required to submit an annual year-end report to NSF. The first year report information will be due on March 31, 2010. At that time you will be asked to provide the demographic information and a narrative of the progress made to date.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the SD EPSCoR Office.

Sincerely,

James A. Rice  
Director  
South Dakota EPSCoR